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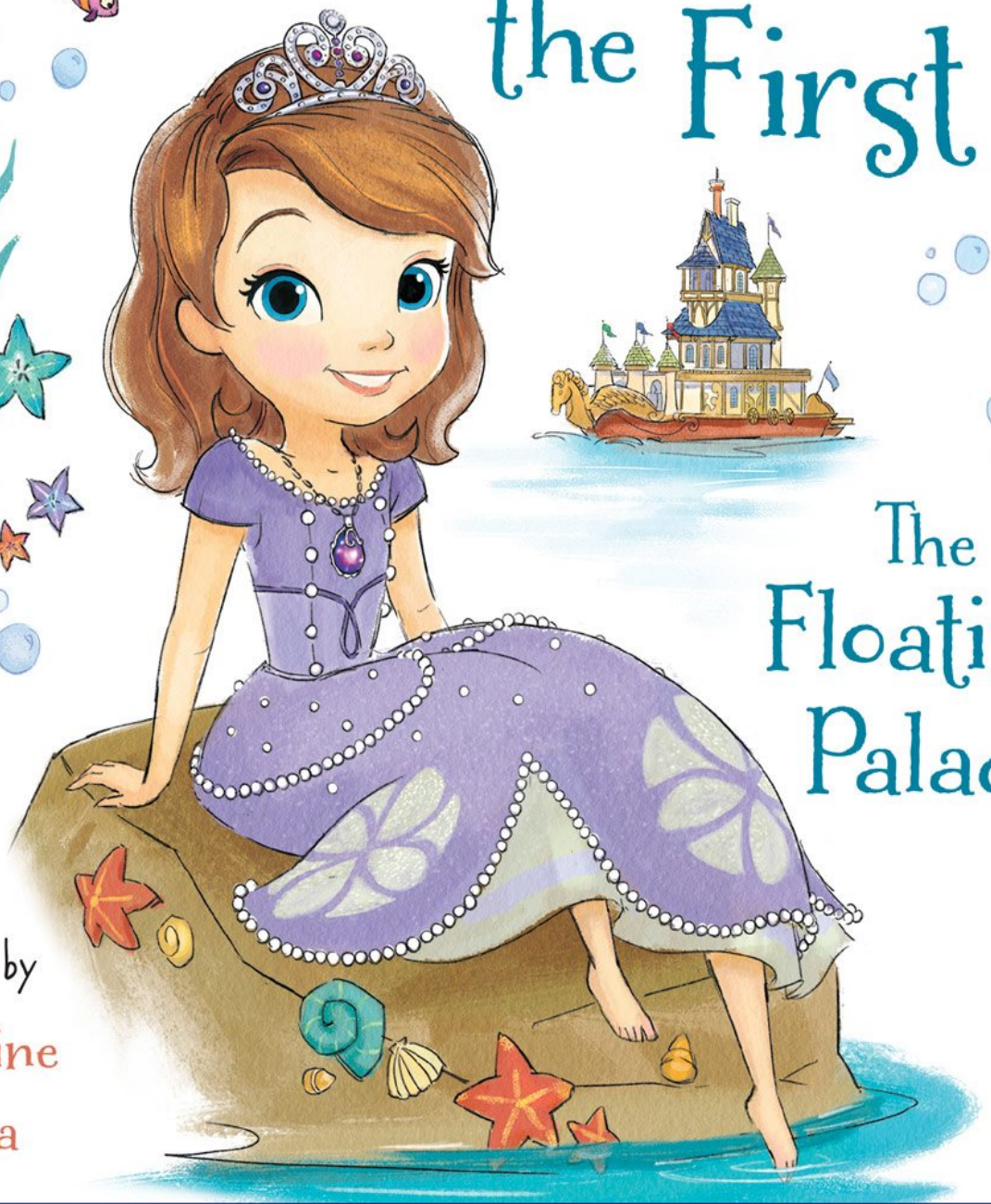

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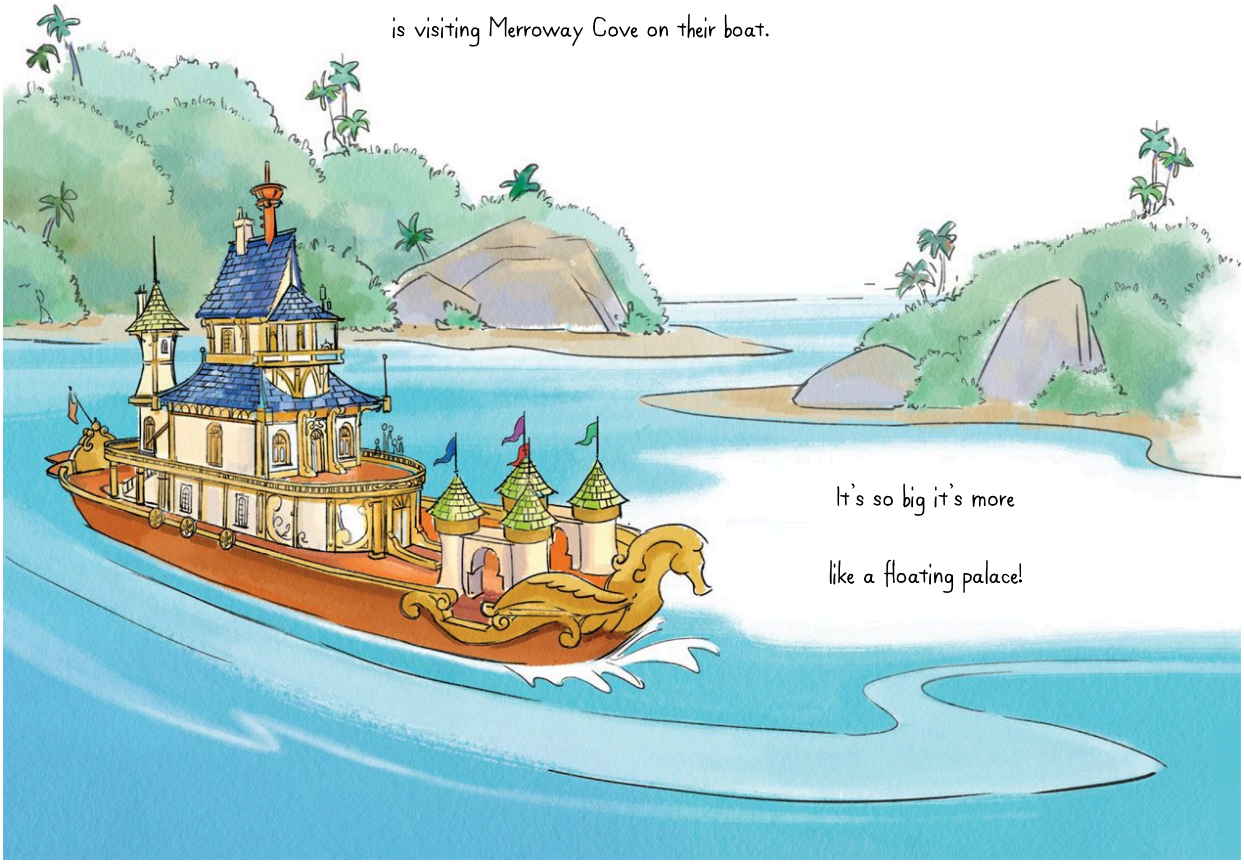
This is Sofia

and she loves being a

princess.

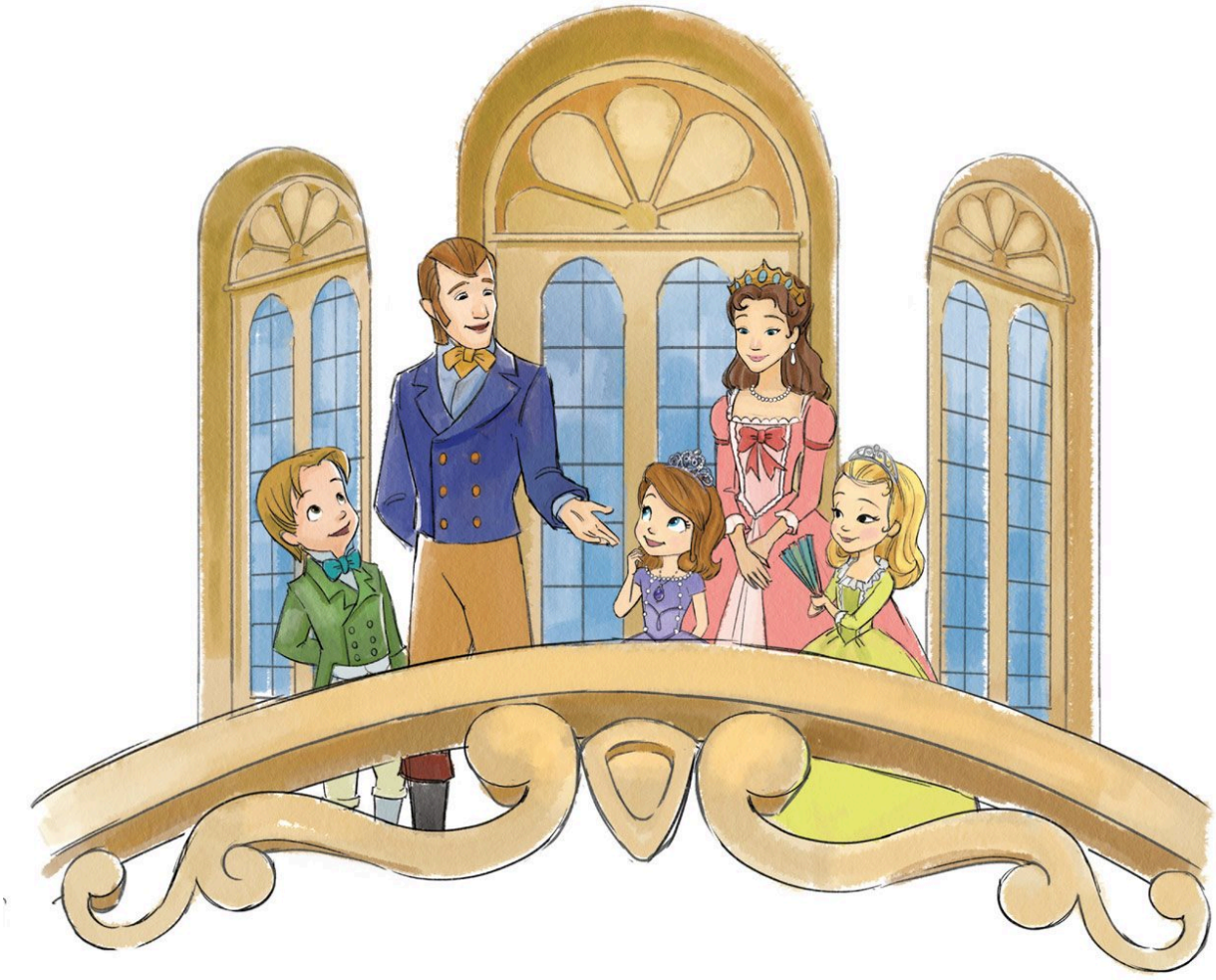
For their summer vacation, Sofia's family

is visiting Merroway Cove on their boat.



It's so big it's more

like a floating palace!



Lately, Sofia has been reading about mermaids.

She hopes they'll see one at the cove.

But her Dad says mermaids aren't real.

Sofia's dad, King Roland, is usually right about most things—but he's wrong about mermaids.

Because when Sofia goes onto the deck of the floating palace, there **she** is—a real, live **mermaid!**

"Help!" the mermaid cries.

Oh, no! She's tangled in a net!

"Let me help you," Sofia says. She pulls the mermaid

onto the boat and helps untangle her.

"Thank you!" the mermaid says. Her name is Oona.

She's really nice. But then she says she has to go.

"We're not supposed to spend time above the water,"

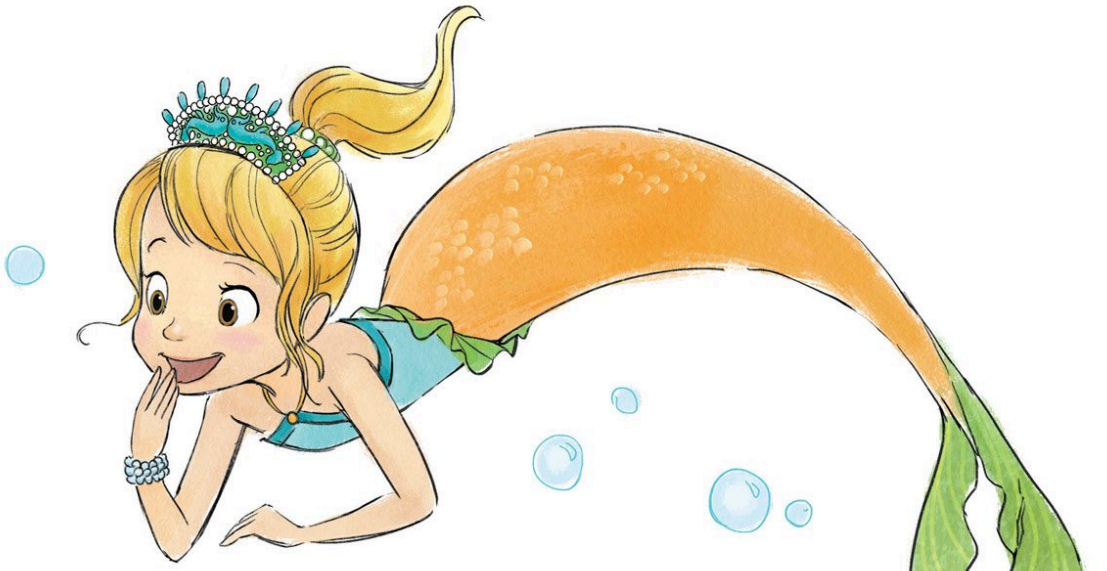
she explains. But when Oona gets in the water,

she can't swim. Her fin is hurt.

As Sofia slides into the water to help Oona,

her amulet glows—and she turns into a

mermaid!



Sofia can't believe it!

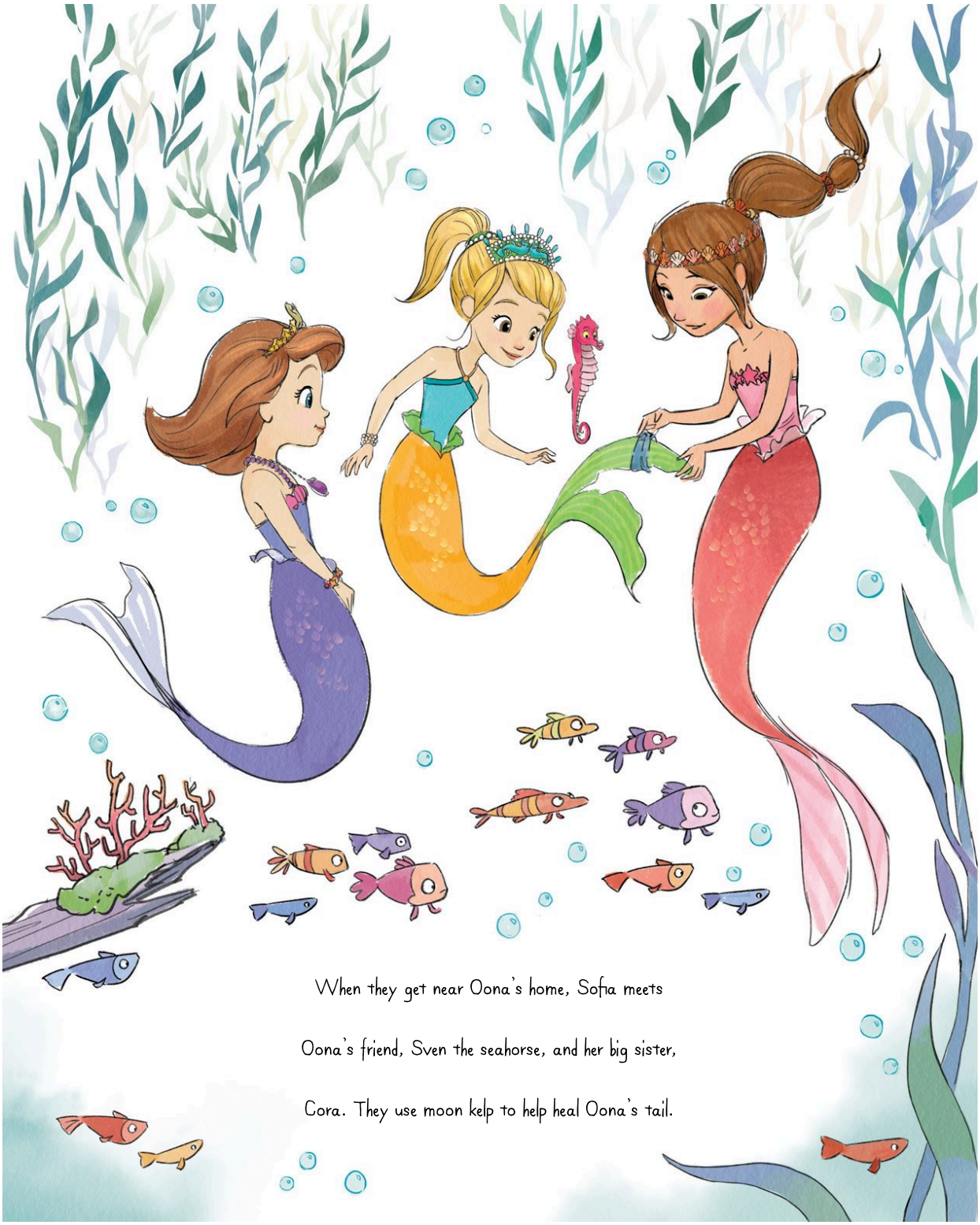
And neither can Oona.

"How did you do that?" Oona asks.

Sofia tells Oona about her **magical amulet.**

Oona has a comb that's enchanted, too. "I'm not sure what its powers are," says Oona. "But Mom says she'll tell me when I'm older."

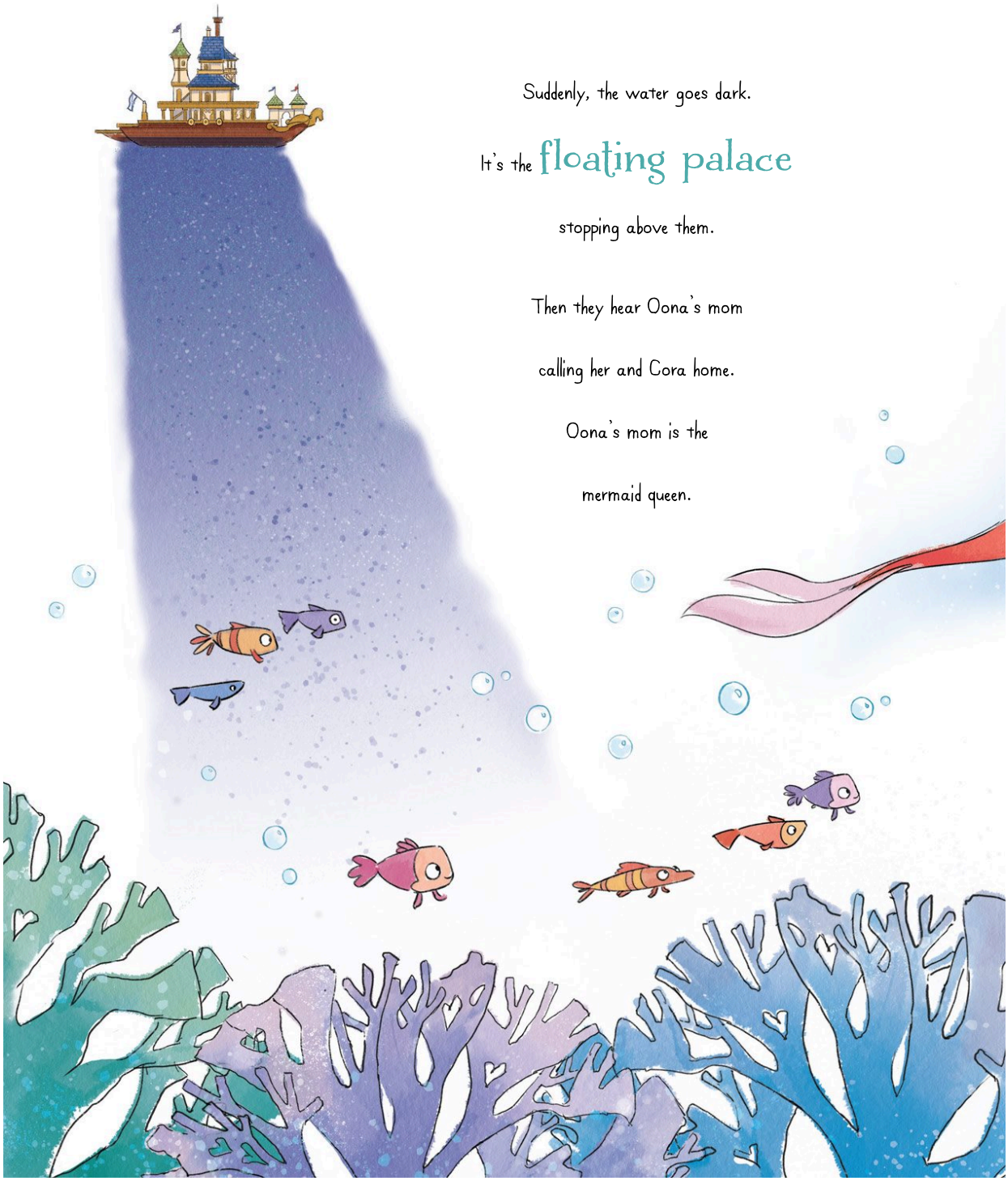
Sofia helps Oona swim toward her home in the cove. They swim past a kelp forest, a cool sunken ship, and hundreds of beautiful fish.



When they get near Oona's home, Sofia meets

Oona's friend, Sven the seahorse, and her big sister,

Cora. They use moon kelp to help heal Oona's tail.



Suddenly, the water goes dark.

It's the floating palace

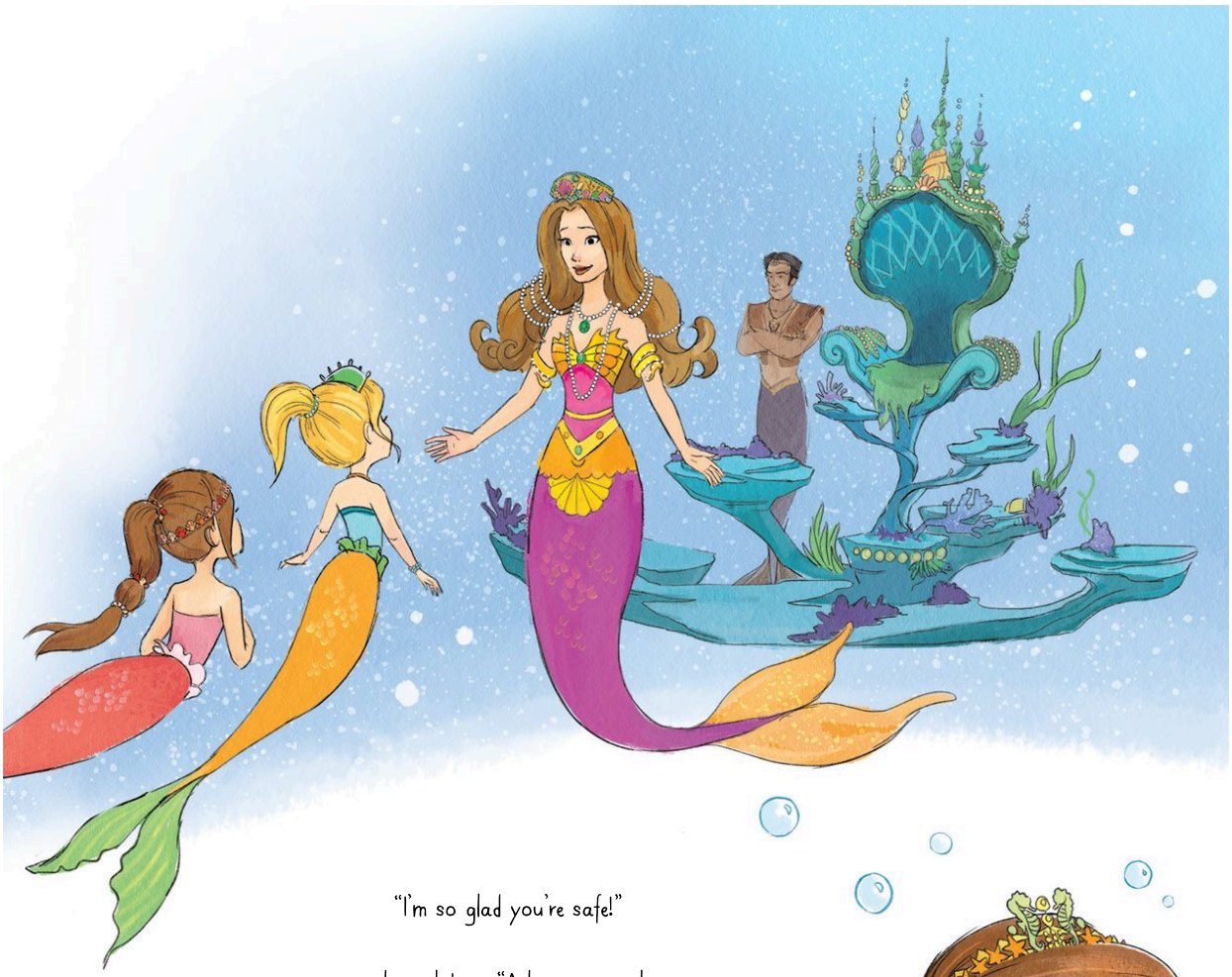
stopping above them.

Then they hear Oona's mom

calling her and Cora home.

Oona's mom is the

mermaid queen.



"I'm so glad you're safe!"

she exclaims. "A human vessel

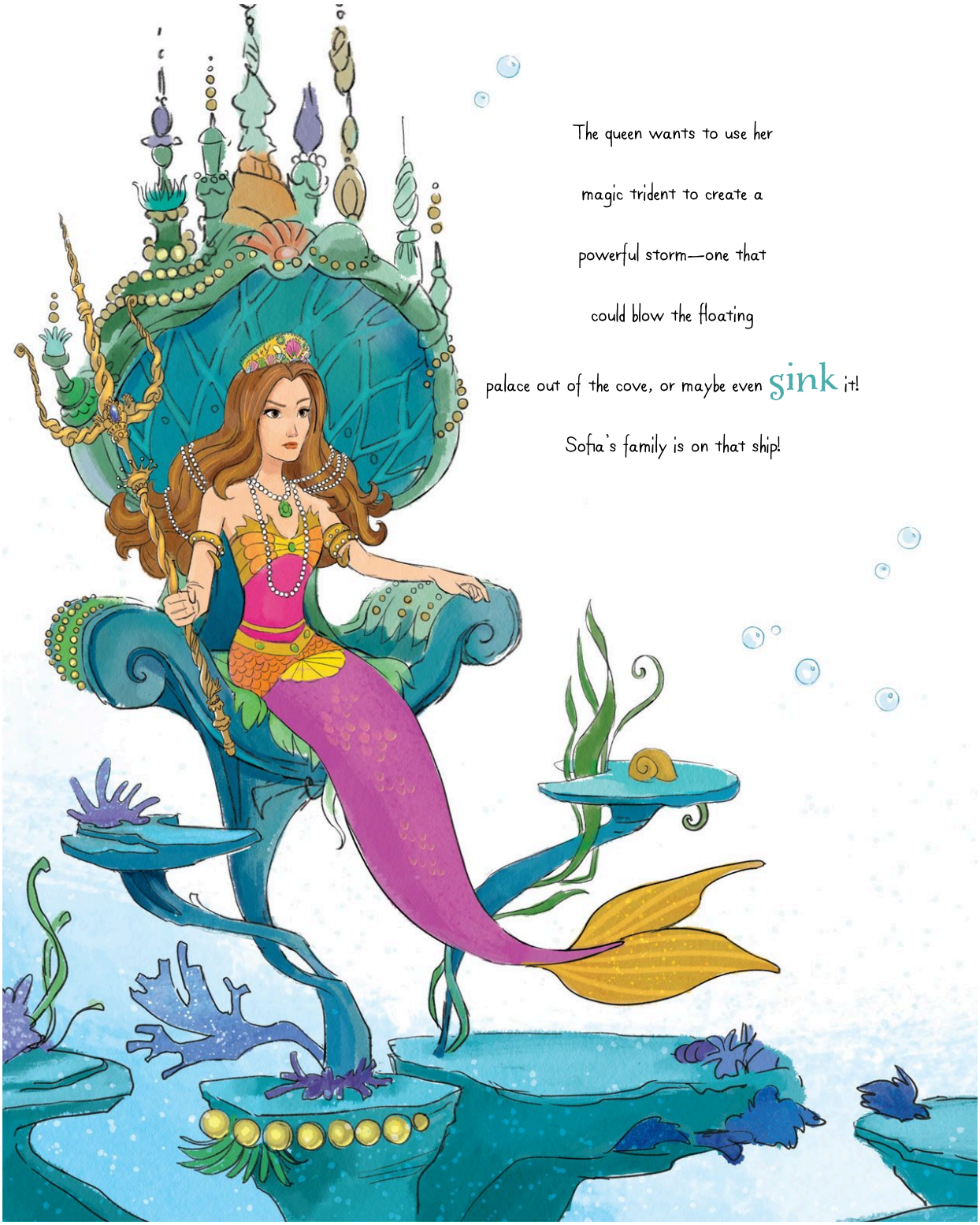
is in the cove, and humans

are dangerous."

Sofia isn't dangerous, and neither is

her family! Queen Emmaline doesn't

know that, though.



The queen wants to use her magic trident to create a powerful storm—one that could blow the floating palace out of the cove, or maybe even **sink** it!

Sofia's family is on that ship!

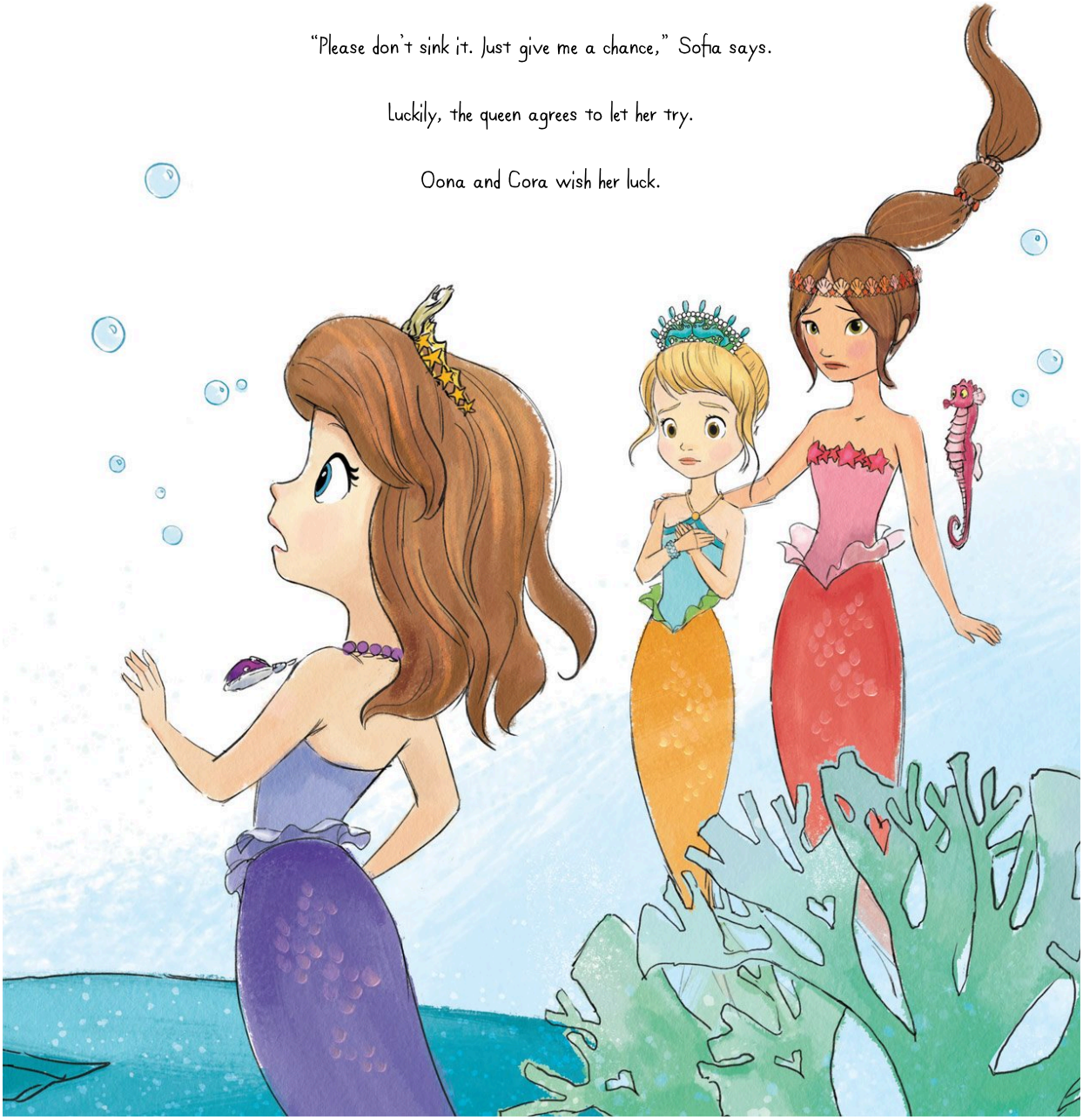
So Sofia tells the queen that

she is a human and she can get the ship to leave.

"Please don't sink it. Just give me a chance," Sofia says.

Luckily, the queen agrees to let her try.

Oona and Cora wish her luck.



Sofia starts swimming back to the floating palace. Suddenly, she hears Oona calling her name.

Oh, no! A horrible, hideous **sea monster** is chasing Oona! He wants her enchanted comb.

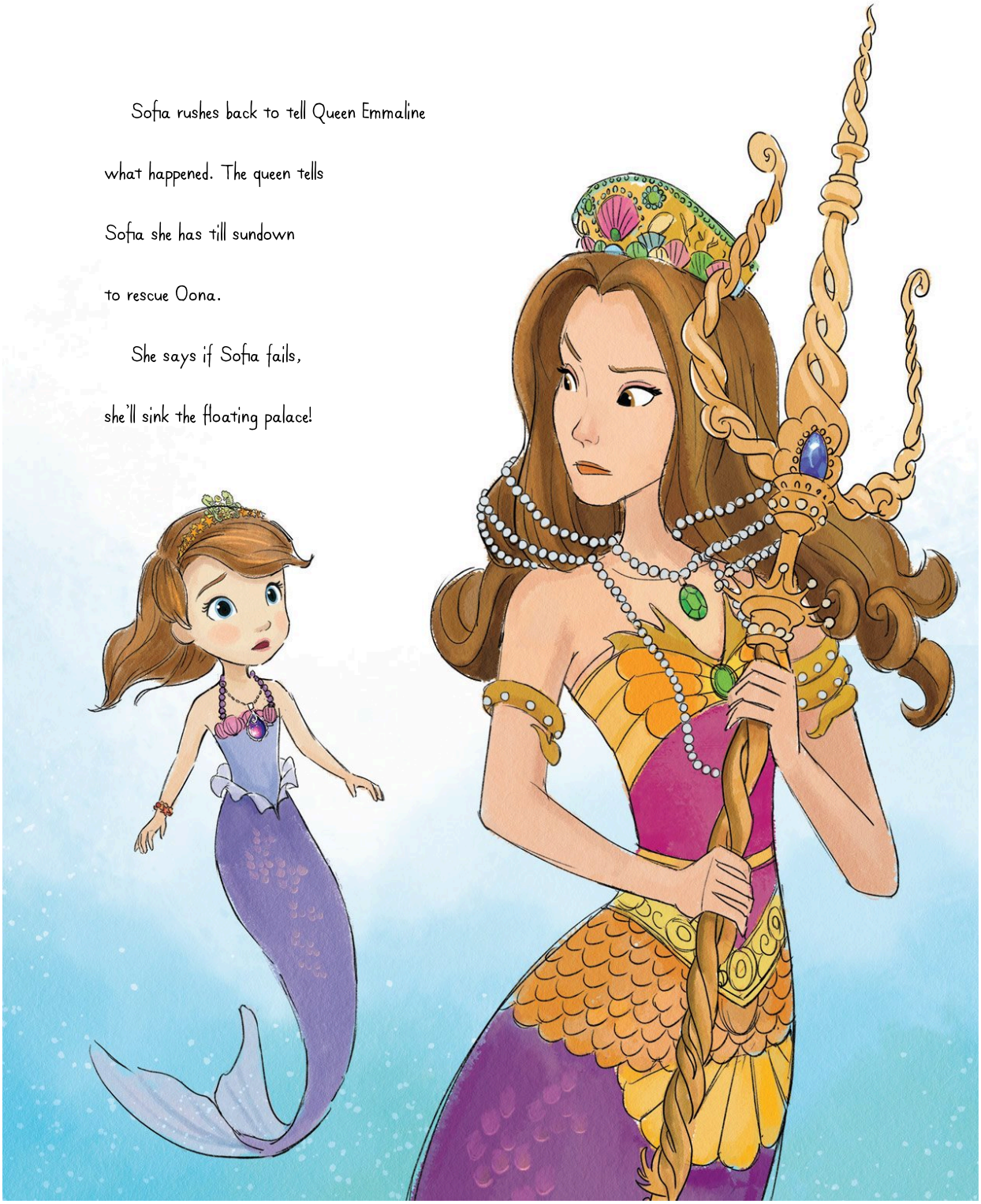
Sofia swims after them as fast as she can, but then Oona and the sea monster enter the kelp forest.

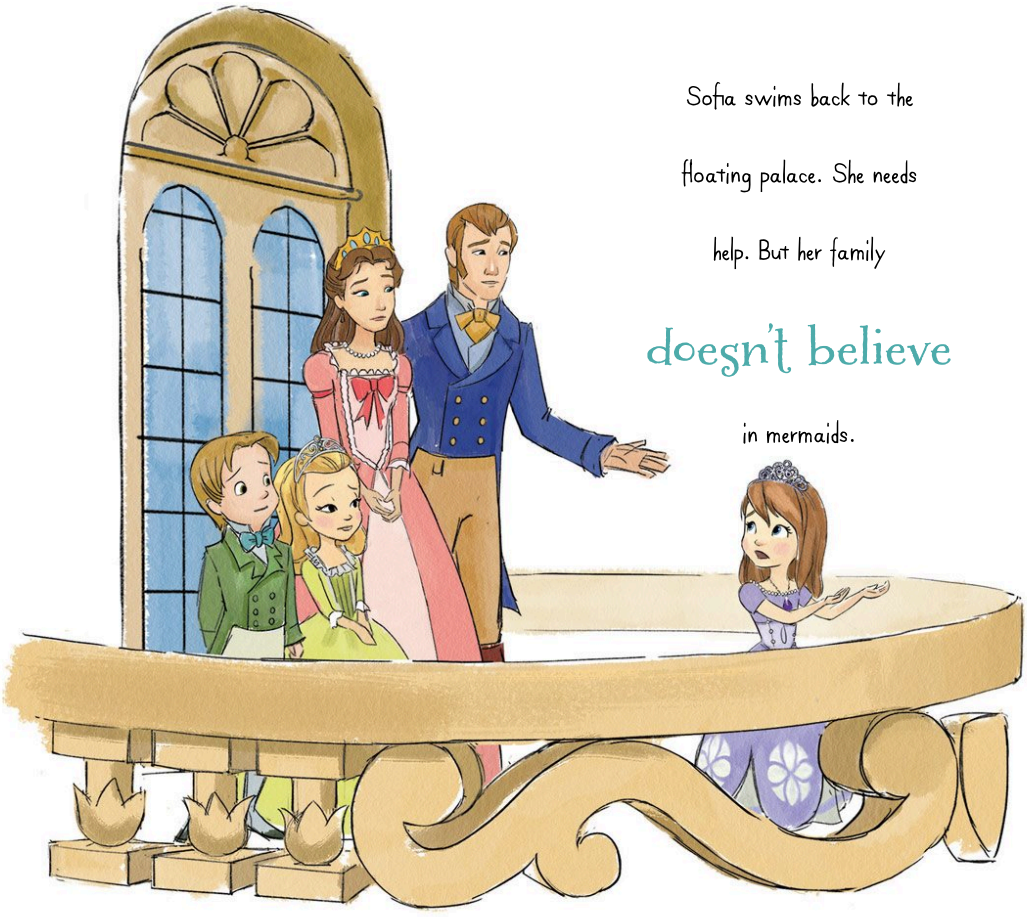
"**Oona!**" Sofia cries.

There's no answer.

Sofia rushes back to tell Queen Emmaline what happened. The queen tells Sofia she has till sundown to rescue Oona.

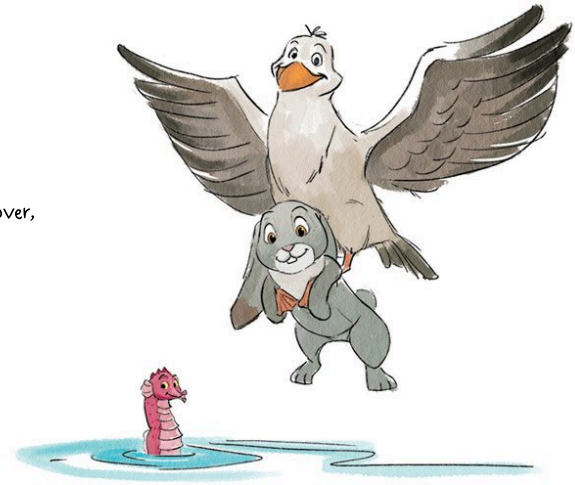
She says if Sofia fails, she'll sink the floating palace!





Sofia swims back to the floating palace. She needs help. But her family **doesn't believe** in mermaids.

So she gathers some friends who **do believe**—Sven, Clover, and a seagull named Farley.



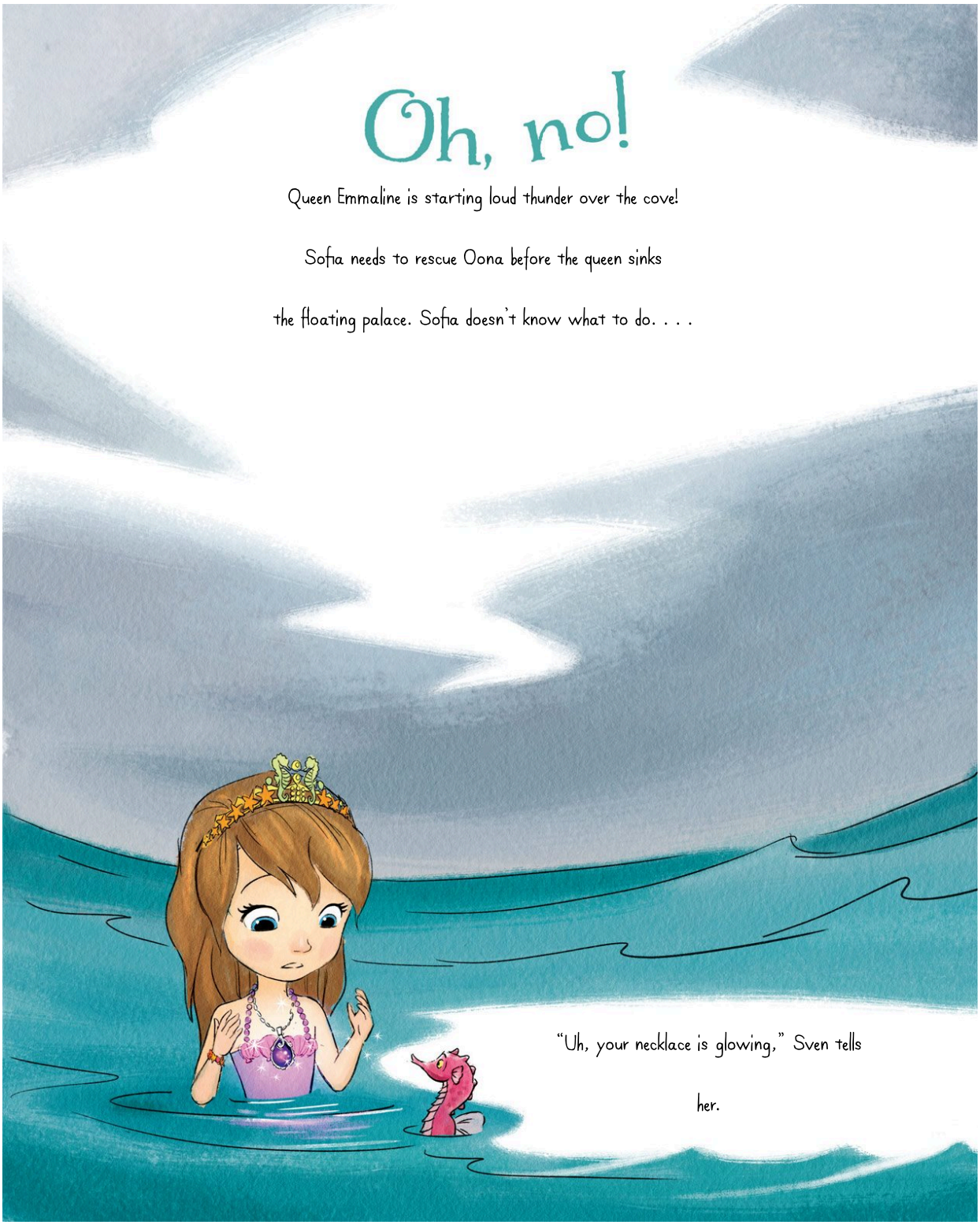
Finally, Sofia and her friends find Oona. The sea monster has Oona trapped and he's about to steal her enchanted comb. Sofia tries to stop him, but he's very **powerful**—he almost captures Sofia, too!

Oh, no!

Queen Emmaline is starting loud thunder over the cove!

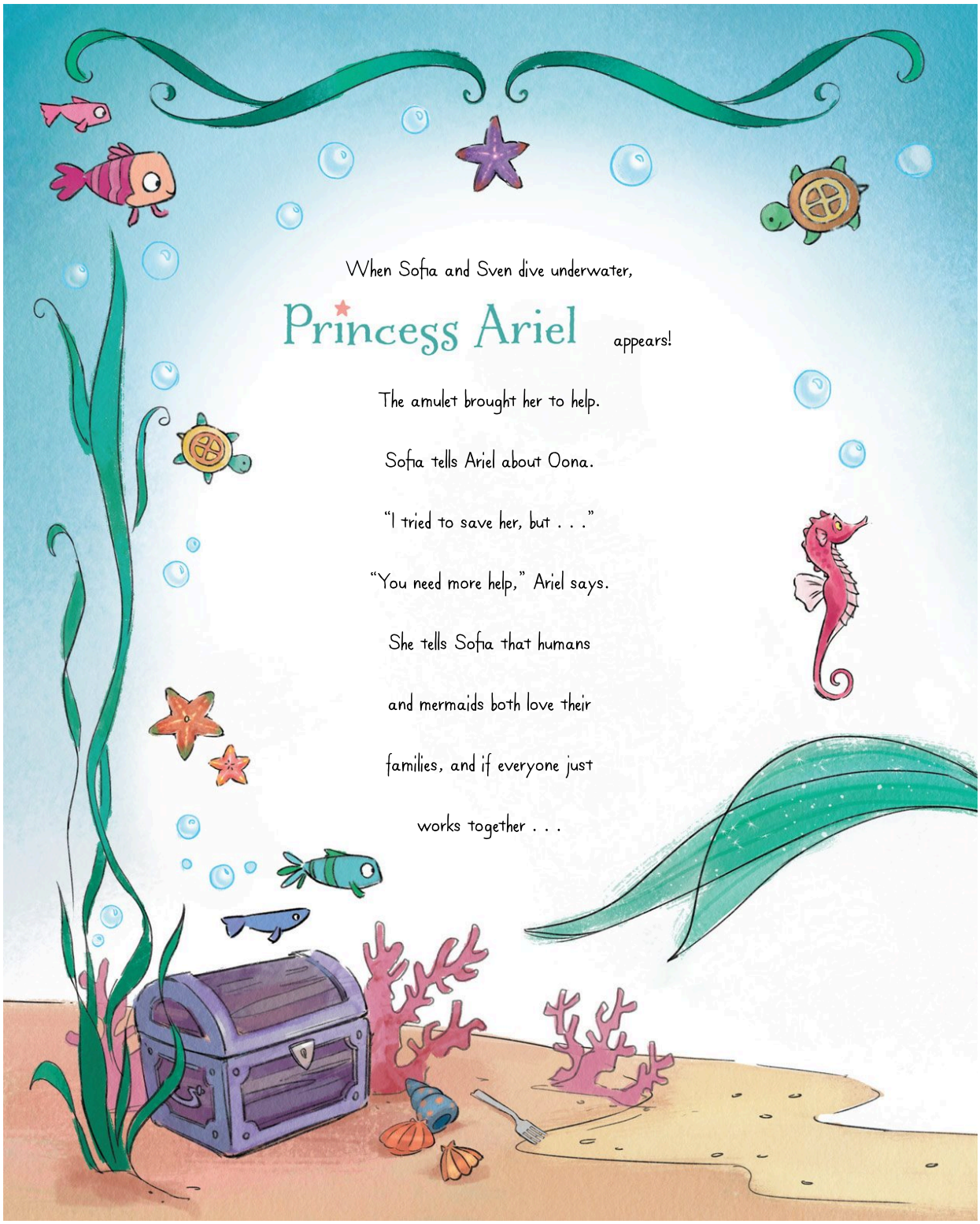
Sofia needs to rescue Oona before the queen sinks

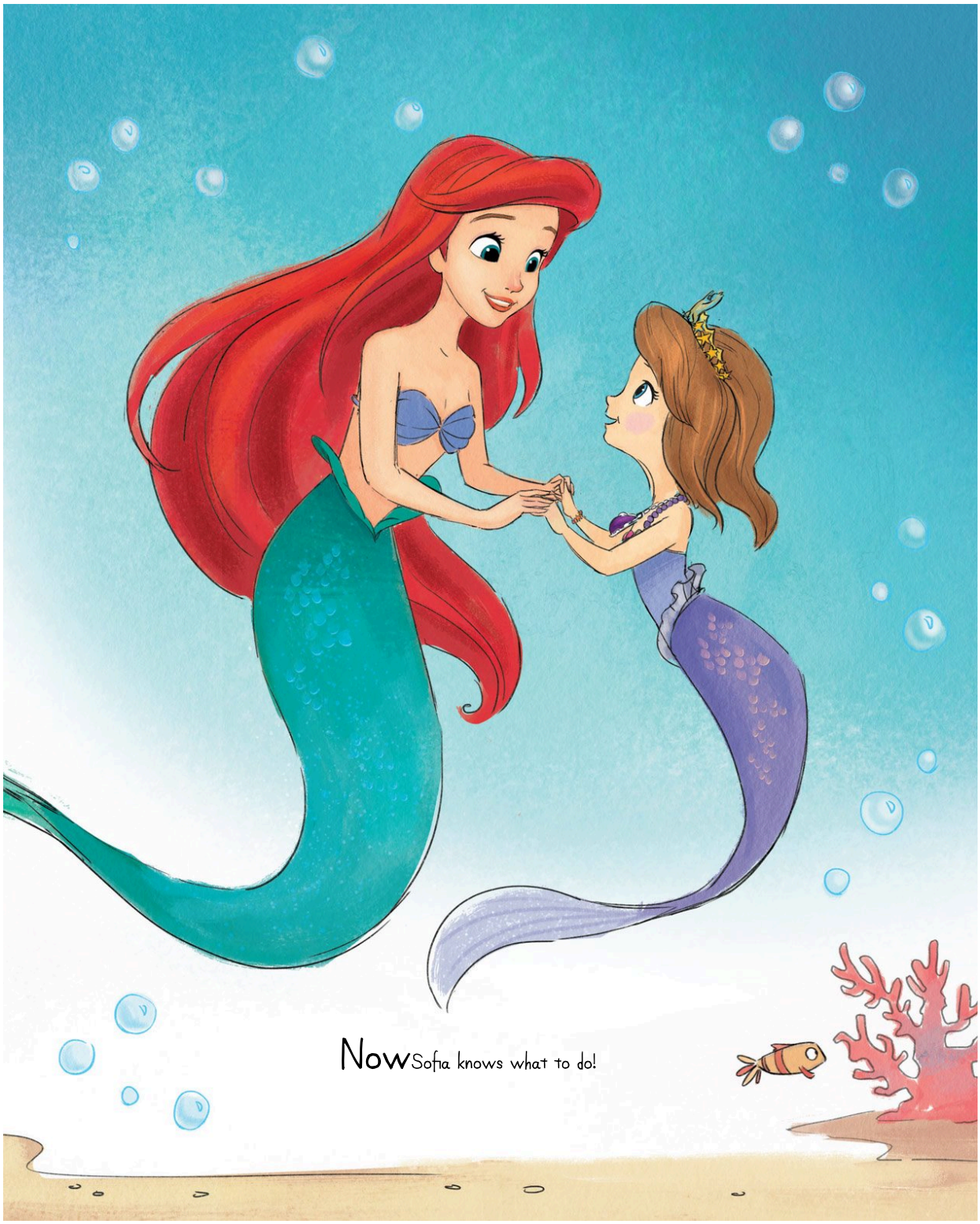
the floating palace. Sofia doesn't know what to do. . . .



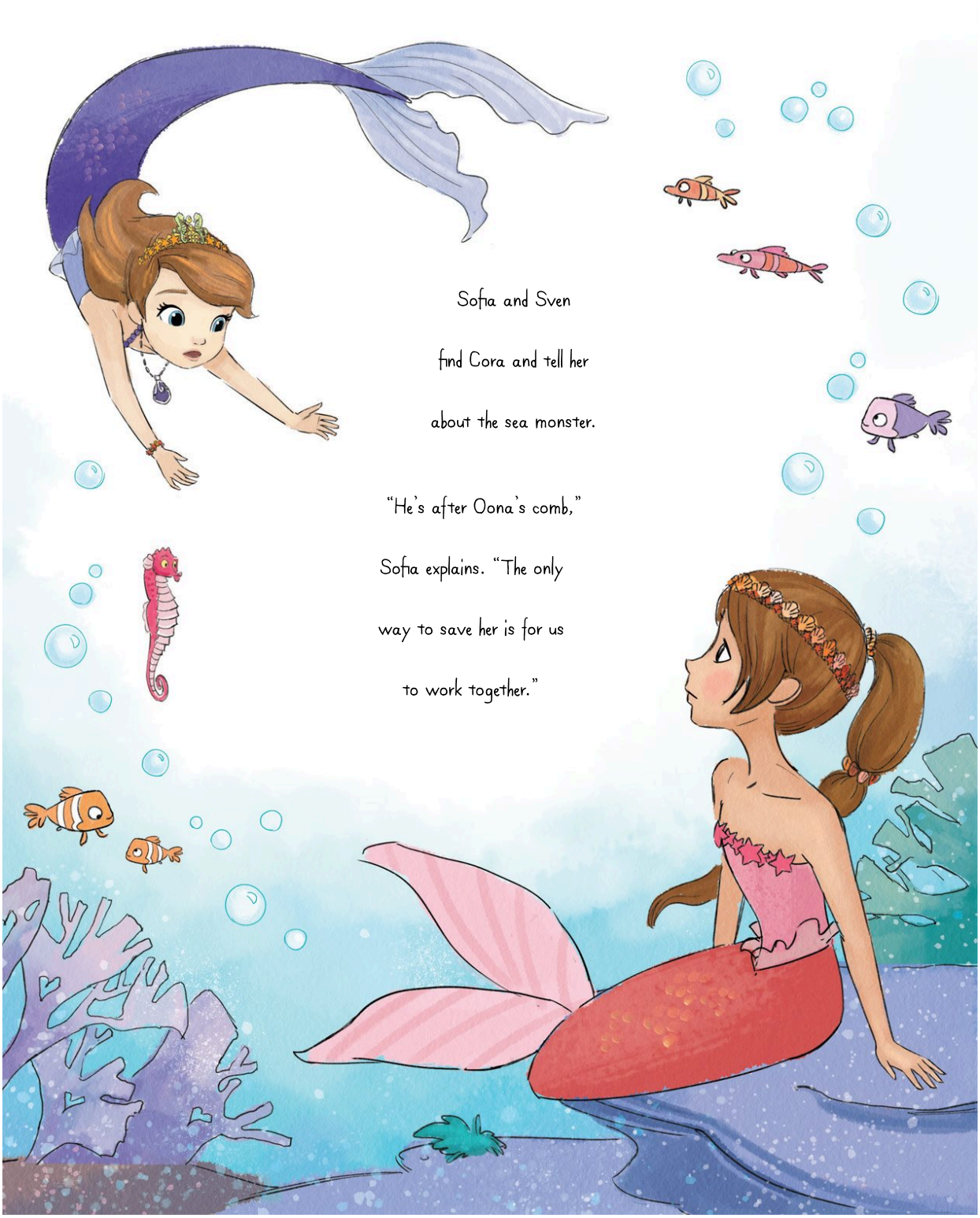
"Uh, your necklace is glowing," Sven tells

her.


When Sofia and Sven dive underwater,
Princess Ariel appears!
The amulet brought her to help.
Sofia tells Ariel about Oona.
"I tried to save her, but . . ."
"You need more help," Ariel says.
She tells Sofia that humans
and mermaids both love their
families, and if everyone just
works together . . .



Now Sofia knows what to do!



Sofia and Sven

find Cora and tell her

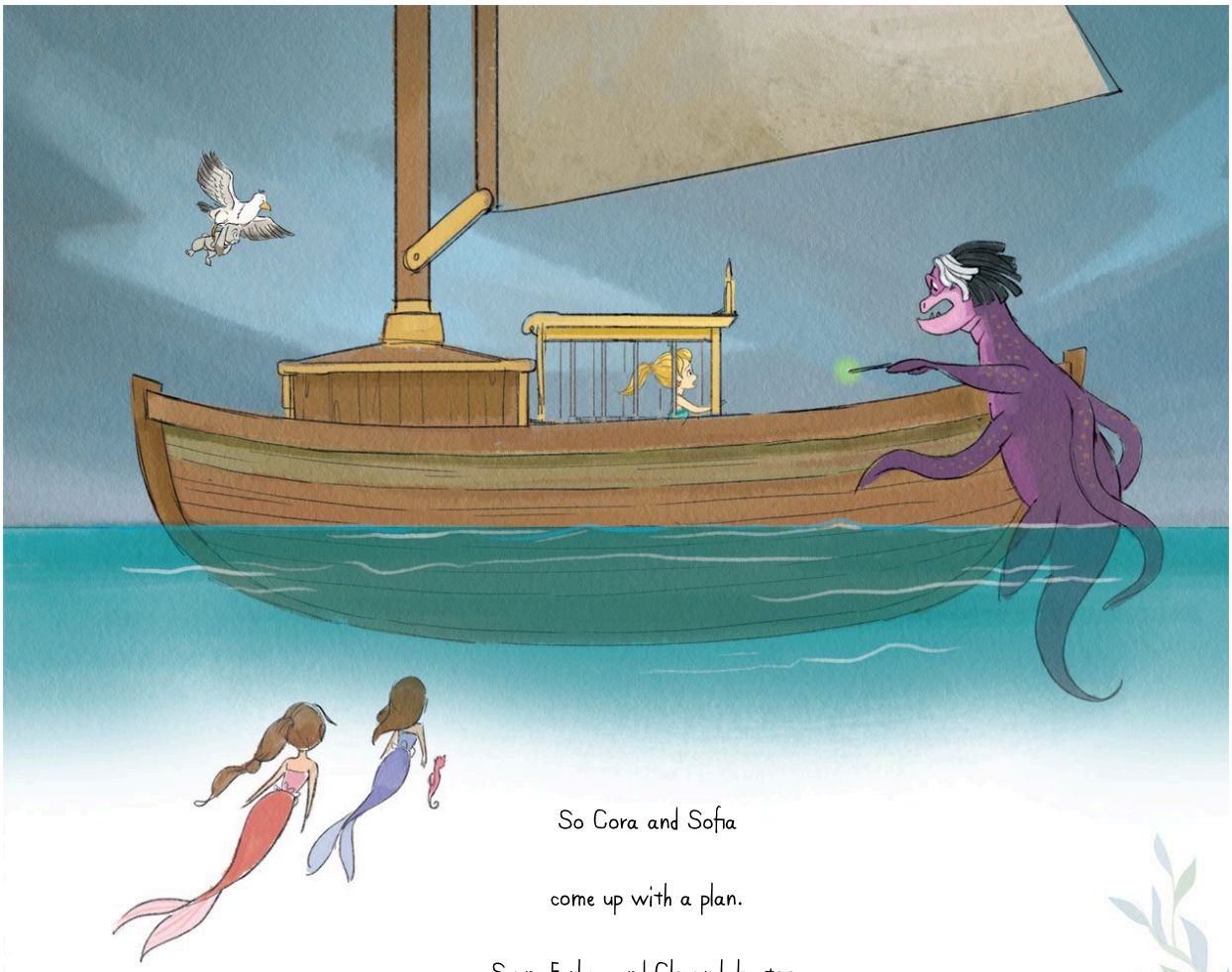
about the sea monster.

"He's after Oona's comb,"

Sofia explains. "The only

way to save her is for us

to work together."



So Cora and Sofia

come up with a plan.

Sven, Farley, and Clover help, too.

Sofia has to sneak onto the boat where the sea monster has Oona trapped. She gets there just as he is about to cast a spell to grab Oona's comb. But Sofia snatches it right out of his hand!

"Give me the comb and I'll let your mermaid friend go," the sea monster says.

"What if I don't?" says Sofia.

"Then I'll cast a spell on you and make you disappear!"

Sofia steps in front of

Oona's cage. Then she tosses

the comb overboard where

Cora is waiting to catch it.

"No you don't!"

the sea monster howls.

He flicks his wand at Sofia . . .

but she jumps out of the

way. Instead of making

Sofia disappear, he makes

Oona's cage vanish!

Oona is free! But the sea monster is **furious.** He points his wand at Sofia and Oona.

"You won't trick me again!" he warns.

Suddenly, Farley flies

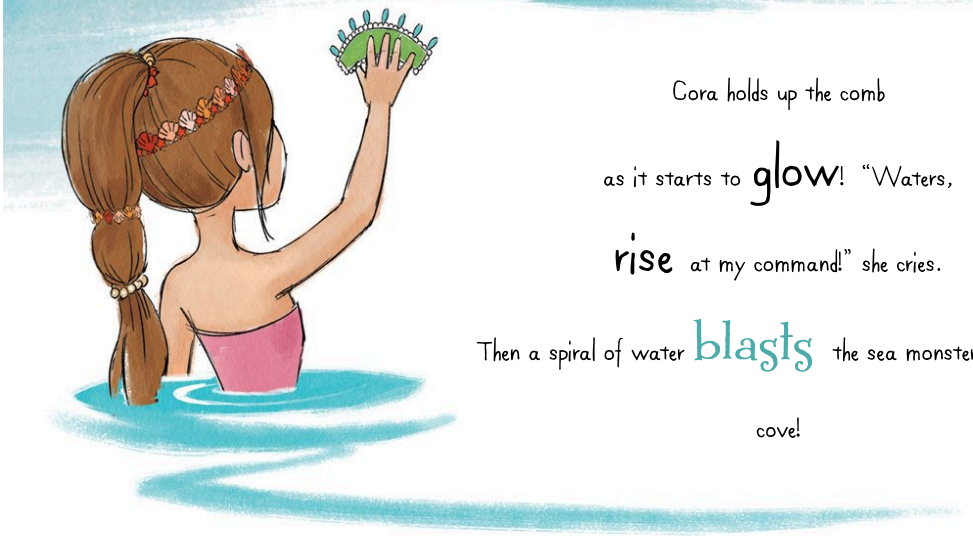
over the sea monster—

and **drops** Clover

right on top of him!

Then Farley **swoops** down

and grabs his wand.



Cora holds up the comb

as it starts to **glow**! "Waters,

rise at my command!" she cries.

Then a spiral of water **blasts** the sea monster across the

cove!

Everyone rushes back to Queen Emmaline.

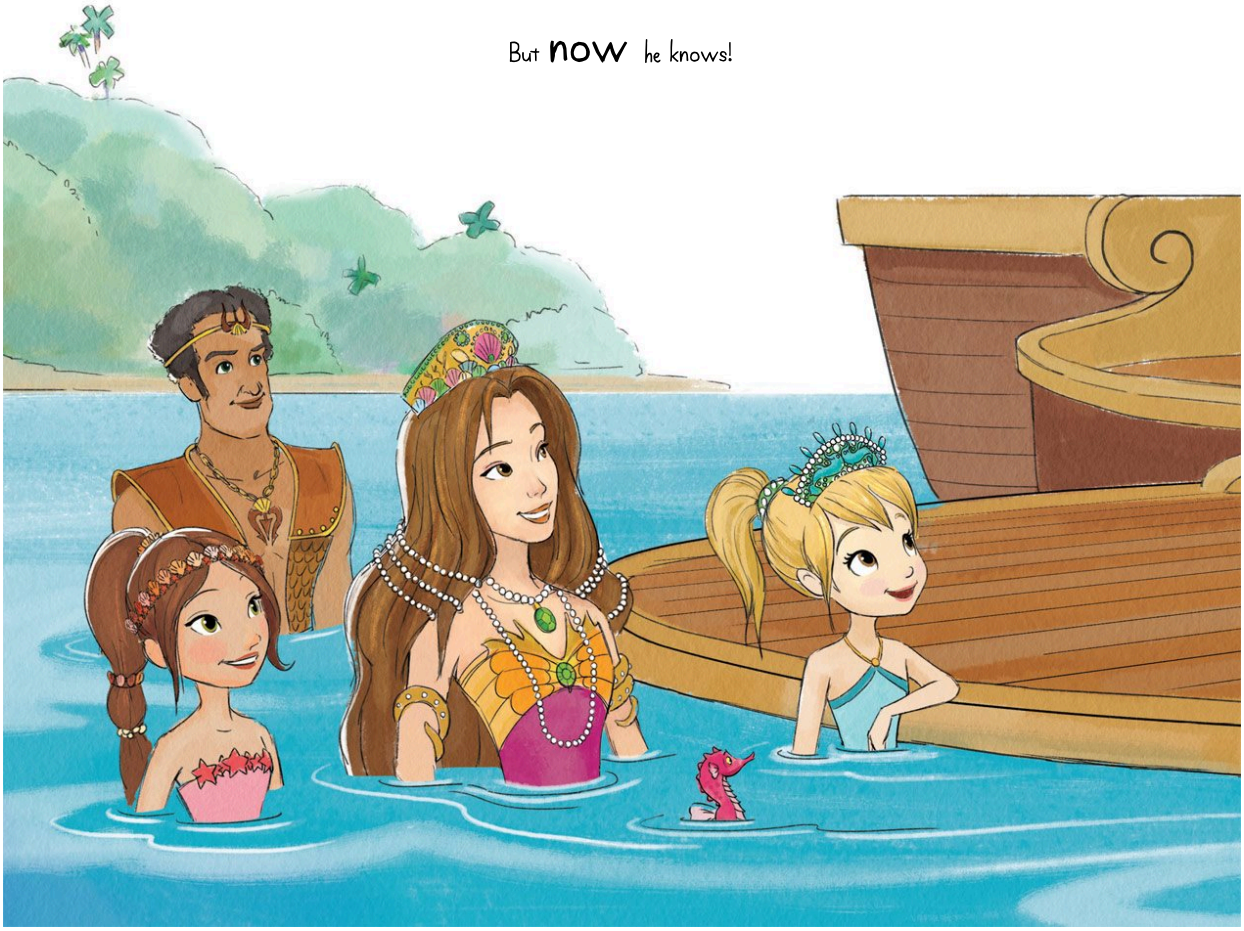
"Thank goodness you're safe!" the queen cries.

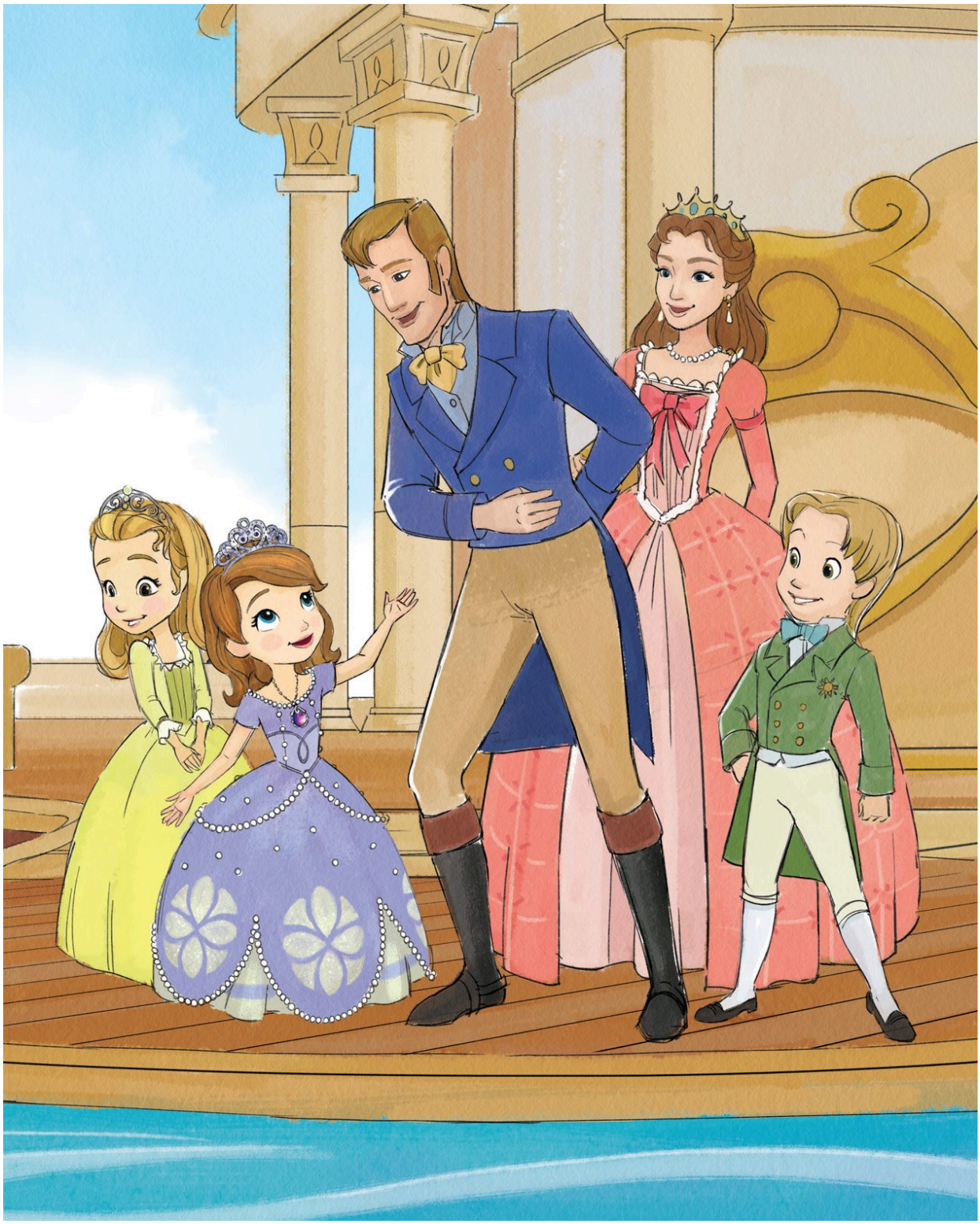
She raises her trident to stop the storm.

Whew! Now Sofia's family is safe, too!

Oona and her family follow Sofia back to the floating palace so the two families can meet. King Roland admits he never thought mermaids were real.

But **now** he knows!





Sofia sits with Oona and watches the sun set.

Oona's a mermaid, and Sofia's a human.

But they know they'll be

friends forever!

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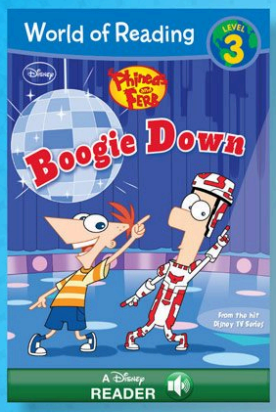

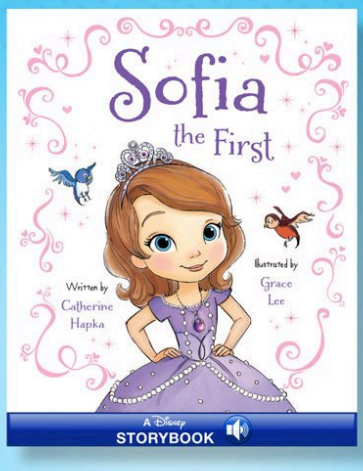

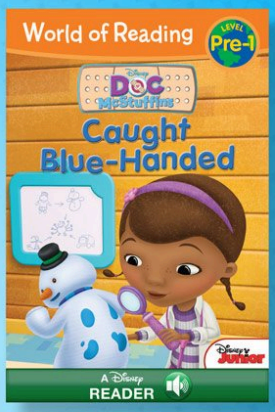

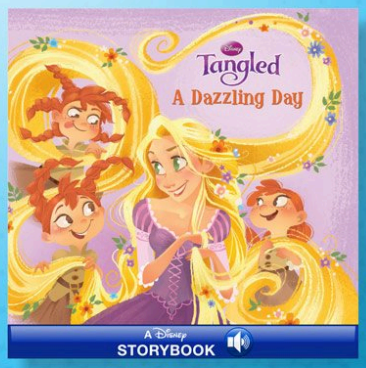

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